



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Information Literacy Month**

**WHEREAS**, information literacy provides the tools and skills to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our constantly evolving information-rich world; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision making across all fields of work and walks of life, and enhances one's ability to obtain highly skilled jobs and compete in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals adept at utilizing information resources available are able to share, participate and compete as informed citizens and life-long learners in the worldwide community; and

**WHEREAS**, information literacy taught from an early age in schools, libraries, and our communities is a crucial part of education and exposes individuals to literacies, analytics, and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies and the complex information world; and

**WHEREAS**, using information acquired through technology to understand human, cultural, and societal issues promotes an informed and engaged citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, through public awareness, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity and enhanced quality of life; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as: ***Information Literacy Month*** in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 3 day of October, 2016



  
Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

  
Nellie M. Gorbea  
Secretary of State